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SUBJECT: UNESCO: CONFERENCE ON DECLARATION ON RACE

AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS, MARCH 13-20,1978

1. CONFERENCE OPENED ON SCHEDULE WITH FIRST SESSION

TAKING PLACE 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M. MARCH 13.

2. AMBASSADOR Y. B. TURKSON, GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND PERMREP TO UNESCO, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE BY ACCLAMATION. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO SUPPORT OF TURKSON'S CANDIDACY.

3. IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION, TURKSON MISUNDER-STOOD THE DRILL, AND LIMITED THE VICE PRESIDENCIES TO FOUR IN NUMBER. THESE WERE ALLOCATED BY THE REGIONS TO: HAITI, BURMA, IRAQ, AND THE GDR. NORWAY WAS ELECTED RAPPORTEUR. AFRICA, HAVING THE PRESIDENCY, WAS NOT ASKED TO FURNISH A VICE PRESIDENT. THE PLENARY WAS SUSPENDED FOR ONE HOUR TO PERMIT THE REGIONS TO MEET PRIVATELY AND DECIDE ON THEIR CANDIDATES FOR THESE OFFICES.

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4. A DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP WAS COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN, TURKSON (TO INSURE COORDINATION WITH THE WORK OF THE PLENARY); MEMBERS: USA, SWITZERLAND, USSR, UYGOSLAVIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, PERU, MEXICO, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, ALGERIA, JORDAN. TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE NOT SET AT THIS TIME, AND WILL HAVE TO BE AT 6:00 P.M. LOCAL MARCH 14. DECISION WAS MADE

THAT DNG WOULD NOT MEET AT SAME TIME AT PLENARY.

5. NO OTHER COMMITTEES WERE PROPOSED AT TODAY'S SESSION.

6. AMBASSADOR TORRES CONDUCTED INITIAL BRIEFING SESSION FOR BROWN, HENKIN, NISHI AND SURENA, ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED PLENARY AND WESTERN GROUP MEETINGS.  
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